

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the instant response. Claims 1-29 are pending in the case. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith. No new matter has been added.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-29 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,675,240. The Applicant is submitting a terminal disclaimer herewith. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 1-29 as being unpatentable over Claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,675,240 has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

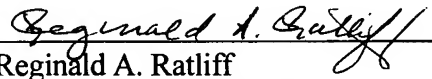
CONCLUSION

Based on the arguments presented above, Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejections of record have been overcome and respectfully solicits allowance of the Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,
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